

SEAT BELT NOTE CARDS

Funding Loss Results in Increased Costs

***Funding Decrease = Education & Enforcement Decrease = Belt Use Decrease
= Traffic Crash Serious Injuries Increase = Cost to Idahoans Increase***

- **FUNDING** - Ineligible for federal seat belt incentive grant funds since 2006
 - Inequity of traffic fine structure (no court cost on adult ticket) is a contributor to funding ineligibility
- **EDUCATION** – reduced funding has reduced public education efforts
- **ENFORCEMENT** – \$10 tickets often do not change behavior and processing the tickets is not compensated by the violators
- **BELT USE** declined from 80% in 2006, to 77% in 2008
- **DEATHS & SERIOUS INJURIES** - the number of unbelted killed and seriously injured increased from 500 in 2006, to 516 in 2007.
- **COST** - Idahoans, *not the person involved in the crash*, pay 85% of the medical bills associated with car crashes through insurance, taxes, etc.

Idaho Seat Belt Facts

- Buckling up is FREE
- Seat belts, when used, are the most effective safety feature ever introduced for vehicles, reducing the likelihood for fatal and serious injury crashes by half. (Traffic Safety Facts 2003, NHTSA)
- In 2007, the 22% of Idahoans that did not buckle up accounted for 65% of the people killed in traffic crashes.
 - 85% of motorists killed in DUI crashes - not buckled up.
 - 63% of those killed in speed-related crashes - not buckled up.
 - 76% of those killed in single vehicle rollovers – not buckled up.
- From 2003-2007, 69% of the unbuckled killed were males, and the average age of the unbelted killed was 36.
- Wearing your seat belt is not optional; Idaho Code 49-673 requires everyone in a vehicle be properly restrained.

Fine Distribution

\$41.50 in court (admin) costs is paid for traffic tickets ***except for adult seat belt tickets.*** Idaho Code 31-3201A

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- \$16.50 Court Costs
 - \$5.00 District Court Fund
 - \$11.50 State Treasurer
 - \$9.89 General Fund (86%)
 - \$1.61 Peace Officer Standards and Training Fund (14%)
 - \$ 5.00 County Justice Fund (supports court system)
 - \$10.00 Peace Officer Standards Training Fund
 - \$10.00 ISTARs fee (Idaho Statewide Trial Court Automated Records System)
 - **\$41.50 TOTAL**

The fixed fine for adults is \$10 while under-18 drivers pay \$51.50.